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SUBJ: SOVIET APPROACH TO ITALIANS ON SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

AN ITALIAN OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED US THAT SEVERAL WEEKS
AGE THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND HIS CULTURAL ATTACHE SOUGHT
AN APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER PEDINI WHO IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. THE SOVIETS WERE NOT RE-
CEIVED BY PEDINI BUT BY HIS CHEF DE CABINET, A CIVIL
SERVANT. THE SOVIETS REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THEY WERE
CONCERNED AND UNHAPPY THAT THE ITALIAN-SOVIET SCIENTIFIC
COOPERATION IS VIRTUALLY NIL AND OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE.
THEY EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO CHANGE THAT SITUATION AND
TO UNDERTAKE JOINT SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS OF SUBSTANTIVE
IMPORTANCE. THEY EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN
SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IN SPACE-RELATED MATTERS,
ESPECIALLY (A) TELEVISION COMMUNICATIONS BY SATELLITE;
B) REMOTE SENSING; C) COOPERATIVE USE OF EARTH STATIONS
AND EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL DATA RECEIVED BY THEM;
D) PHYSICS (UNSPECIFIED); AND E) SOLID PROPELLANTS
FOR ROCKETS, WHICH ARE REPORTEDLY MANUFACTURED IN ITALY
BY SNIA VISCOSA UNDER A CLASSIFIED CONTRACT WITH THE
ITALIAN MILITARY. THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET
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REPLIED TO THE SOVIET APPROACH AND THERE ARE ALLEGEDLY
SHARP DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WITHIN THE ITALIAN ESTAB-
LISHMENT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TO ACCEPT THE SOVIET
INVITATION ON ANY OF THE PROPOSED TOPICS. GARDNER

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